

**MINUTES**  
**WOODSTOCK CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 20, 2015**  
**City Council Chambers**

The regular meeting of the Woodstock City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Brian Sager on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

A roll call was taken.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Staryzynski, Mark Saladin, Maureen Larson, Mayor Brian Sager, Julie Dillon, RB Thompson.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Turner.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Roscoe Stelford, City Attorney Ruth Schlossberg, Finance Director Paul Christensen, Director of Public Works Paul Ruscko, Economic Development Director Cort Carlson, Information Technology Manager Dan McElmeel, Recreation Department Director David Zinner.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Clerk Arleen Quinn.

**A. FLOOR DISCUSSION: Groundhog Day Proclamation**

Mayor Sager read the Groundhog Day Proclamation and told Pam Morehouse and Rick Bellairs how happy and grateful the City of Woodstock is for their continued support of Groundhog Day, scheduled for February 2, 2015. He thanked them, stating that Council is aware, that yearlong work is involved in planning and promoting this quality event.

R. Bellairs expressed appreciation for the contributions of the City including the Opera House, and staffing; without the City's help we couldn't do it. Last year shortly after Groundhog Day Harold Raimis passed away. This year, in conjunction with Classic Cinema Groundhog Day's Committee, the main theater, Auditorium One, will be dedicated in the name of Harold Ramis. There will be a dedication ceremony at 10:00 Saturday morning before the free showing of the movie. WCIU will be coming out on the morning of Groundhog Day to broadcast the event as well as CBS Morning Show. Mayor Sager again thanked them for their continued efforts.

**Public Comments:**

1. Lisa Hanson, co-partner of The Backdrop, 106 Cass St, Woodstock, addressed City Council with some additional comments as a follow up on her attendance at Council's last meeting concerning the Centerville Station. At that meeting Ms. Hanson expressed her opinion that a gaming component and sale of liquor is not suitable at the train station as it is a gateway to the City.

Ms. Hanson's concerns were that not enough discussion time was given to the Centerville Station's proposal, and because of this the majority of the public were unaware that video gaming and the sale of liquor would be a part of the train station's new business. She went on to

say that she felt City Council was out of touch, and not engaged with the community and didn't feel the Council was as transparent as it could have been. She said that it is important to be open and honest in all communications; getting all pertinent and relevant information to the public, and finally being accountable to the people being served. The train station information was not given to the public, giving them a chance to voice their opinions. Ms. Hanson feels the City of Woodstock needs to work on being more transparent so all citizens of Woodstock have up to date information on what is being decided. Ms. Hanson asked Mayor Sager why the proposal for the train station was not discussed and then asked whether there is a procedure to handle requests for proposals.

Mayor Sager explained the process for proposals. The first step is that individuals are provided notice and the parameters of specific standards the City has for a project. There is a date, though not an absolute closing date, of when we would like to have proposals returned. We do allow proposals that come in after the initially established date to be considered as we are charged with having to make the best possible decisions on behalf of the community and want to have the opportunity to review all proposals. Staff then reviews the proposals as they come in, which may or may not include additional interviews with those individuals. Staff looks at all these proposals and tries to make sure they address the request in terms of the parameters and also identify what the cost associated with those types of things might be. Staff reviews all of the follow ups with the presenters, and then makes a recommendation to the City Council in the form of a staff report, at that point the Council is charged with making a decision on behalf of the community. The staff report comes forward to the City Council as a public document; it is open and available to the public to see at any time. It is on the website, at the public library and here at City Hall. Certainly members of the public are invited to come here to the City Council meetings and to raise any questions or issues they make have concerning aspects of the reports and proposals.

Ms. Hanson said her point was that there were two discussions on the Courthouse and wondered why there was not additional discussion on the train station as there were two proposals. Mayor Sager said there had been much discussion over the years as multiple individuals had previously leased the train station. She noted that it was mentioned in The Woodstock Independent on November 26, 2014 and three weeks later it was on the agenda. Why was it not discussed in those three weeks before it was approved? Ms. Hanson pointed out that the item was on the Consent Agenda, and from what was printed on the agenda it didn't specify that video gaming or a liquor license would be a part of the lease.

Mayor Sager's response was that every item that is voted on may be discussed a little bit differently. Concerning the Courthouse, since it is a new project, we hadn't been through the process as we have been with the train station which has been leased several times; therefore it was not a new item. In so far as the lease on the train station, staff reviewed proposals and made recommendations that Council did discuss.

Mayor Sager explained that Consent Items are always open for discussion and those items can be removed; the items on the Manager's Report are intended to be acted upon procedurally at the meeting; and that Council may not necessarily take action on a Discussion Item which Council may direct to be put on a specific agenda for action at a subsequent meeting.

RB Thompson said that the approval of St. Pat's Day, Music Fest, Ocktoberfest produced little discussion since it was discussed at great length when it was first proposed. It was refined several times before it was approved, and currently these events take place without a lot of discussion since we have experience and previous history with this venue. RB questioned City Attorney Ruth Schlossberg as to her opinion concerning Woodstock City Council agenda and openness at meetings. R. Schlossberg's response was that Woodstock did a good job in terms of openness and of inviting public comment, that, in fact, she has never worked in a town as open as Woodstock.

Mayor Sager continued saying that the Council has a more informed, descriptive agenda than most other communities. However the agenda is not intended to give the full, in depth, report of the discussion of the item that is being considered. The packet that the Council gets and reviews contains information that might have been discussed in a different meeting , has recommendations and considerations by staff, and contains more in depth information, than a lot of other governmental units, in terms of the type of things that are considered. The packet is delivered to Council electronically and it also available electronically to the public. It isn't feasible to send a packet out to everyone in the community; our job is to make sure it is available and we do that according to law. All public documents are available for anyone to read, they are on the website, a hard copy is available at the library, and a copy is available here at City Hall.

Ms. Hanson stated that it should be made clearer, that access to this information, is available on line, at the library and at City Hall so everyone might be made aware of decisions being made. Mayor Sager agreed that this was a good point and said that it would be looked into.

Ms. Hanson then questioned, due to conversations she has had with the public, whether Council members are pro-family. Her feeling is that the decision to allow video gaming and the sale of liquor at the train station would preclude that attribute. Ms. Hanson said that only three council members initially expressed their point of view on this matter and wondered if it was given due diligence. She also said that public silence does not mean that the community is okay with a decision, and that all levels of the community need to be represented. Mayor Sager said he would encourage any city member to come to meetings and express any concerns or other positions that they might have.

M. Saladin responded saying that he is a lifelong resident of Woodstock and said that just because he didn't speak at the meeting doesn't mean that he shirked any responsibility concerning the train station decision. He went on to say that the City of Woodstock is one of the most transparent in the county. J. Dillon said she went to the train station and met with staff. Working at District 200 enables her to see parents and people involved with the school. She said she has three children and being pro-family was her reason to become a member of City Council, not speaking up at a meeting does not change that.

Mayor Sager said that all Council members are elected representatives and come to the table with a variety of input. Council members have a large network within the community and have a large response to the community, even going into a grocery store or attending church invites input for both sides of an issue. After weighing all the information, and conflicting interest, we

still have responsibly to look inwardly and vote; making a decision is not always as easy as one might think.

M. Larson responded saying the Council packets contain a lot of information, she reads them and then many times further investigates by calling and questioning staff to add to the foundation for decisions she makes. She talks to people at church, at work and business owners and tries to gather as much information as she can.

Ms. Hanson said that the decision on the train station reflects that church members and friends think it is okay to have video gaming and the sale of alcohol at the train station. Both sides of an issue have to be considered and a unanimous vote would mean that everyone said it was okay. Mayor Sager said that no one made that statement and that Council does not have the luxury of not voting. Our legal obligation is to vote, when we hear both sides we still have to make a decision. When Council voted, ultimately considering everything, they thought that was the right vote, we can't not vote.

Ms. Hanson said she thinks that most people found it to be a bad idea as the train station is at an entry way and is a public building. She told the Council she appreciates their time.

Mayor Sager thanked Ms. Hanson saying he knows it is not always easy to come to a meeting and express an opinion. Some governmental agencies enforce a time limit, listen and don't respond, or not even invite public comment. Woodstock City Council continually invites public comment without putting a time limit on it and does respond to the comments made.

2. Scott Gussert, 810 Cherry St, Woodstock, IL said he wanted to applaud Lisa Hanson for her courage in stepping up and expressing her feelings. He feels she does have a point; it was surprising that council voted unanimously on this issue and asked when the packet is available to the public. Mayor Sager replied that the packets are available at the same time Council gets them, which is Friday around noon, they are at the library, on the City website, and at City Hall. Scott told Council he appreciated their approachability.

RB Thompson thought it might be a good idea if people who announced they were running in upcoming elections might receive the packet, though he knew that some of the confidential personnel information couldn't be included. Mayor Sager said all of these documents are public documents so if a candidate wanted one, they could make their request known to the City Manager's office and we could accommodate that.

There were no additional public comments.

### **Council Comments:**

M. Saladin wanted to update Council on the McHenry County EDC. The City of Woodstock has provided two sites to us for certification, we have a website that we are putting together to certify sites relative for purposes of advertising and things of that nature. He mentioned that the EDC, through Pam Cumpata, also helped with respect to the Enterprise Zone in providing some information, which Charlie Etheridge helped coordinate by bringing the petition down and getting it filed. There was a lot of cooperation between the EDC, both cities, MCC as well as the

county, and the assistance of Pete Austin. He wanted to share with Council that Susan Milford, who was our Chairman of the Board, stepped down and Councilman Saladin is now the chairman of EDC.

Mayor Sager congratulated M. Saladin on this post and said that Council appreciates the strong connection of Councilman Saladin being on the Council and serving on the board of EDC as well, and we are grateful for your willingness to except this responsibility. I think it is a fine example of cooperation if you look at the submittal on behalf of the Enterprise Zone application because it was a strong collaborative effort between the County and two municipalities, Harvard and the City of Woodstock. We are very grateful for the time and energy that went into that.

There were no additional comments from Council.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by J. Dillon, second by M. Saladin to concur with Consent Agenda Items B - E13.

- M. Saladin removed Item E 6
- Mayor Sager removed Item E 9

**B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

December 16, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting

**C. WARRANTS:** 3645      3646 3647 3648 MFT#542

**D. MINUTES AND REPORTS:**

Department of Community and Economic Development Report – November 2014

Police Department Report – December 2014

Library Board Minutes – November 6, 2014

Board of Fire and Police Minutes – December 1, 2014

**E. MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 38**

- 1. Event Request – Emricson Park** – Approval of a recommendation to close Emricson Park from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on October 31, 2015 to hold the 2015 IHSA B/G Cross Sectional Meet and to allow District 200 to charge \$5.00 per car to all vehicles entering the Park during that time.
- 2. Class E-4 Liquor License** – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-1 amending Title 3, Chapter 3, Liquor Control, of the Woodstock City Code to create a classification E-4 Liquor License.
- 3. Liquor License – Centerville Station LLC** – Adoption Ordinance 15-O-2 amending Title 3, Chapter 3, Liquor Control, of the Woodstock City Code creating and authorizing issuance of a Class E-4 liquor license to Centerville Station LLC retroactive to December

17, 2014.

- 4. McHenry County Broadband Fiber Network** – Adoption Resolution 15-R-1 appointing the City of Woodstock’s Representative and Alternate Representative to the McHenry County Broadband Fiber Network Consortium Board by appointing Roscoe Stelford as the City of Woodstock Representative and Dan McElmeel as the City of Woodstock Alternate Representative.

- 5. Event Request – Benton Street** – Approval of the following:

A.

1. Approval to hold Benton Street St. Patrick’s Festival on Benton Street as indicated between the hours of Noon on Saturday, March 14, 2015, and Midnight on Sunday, March 15, 2015;
2. Approval to hold D.C. Cobb’s Music Fest on Benton Street as indicated between the hours of Noon on Saturday, June 20, 2015 and Midnight on Sunday, June 21, 2015;
3. Approval to hold Benton Street Oktoberfest on Benton Street as indicated between the hours of Noon on Saturday, October 10, 2015, and Midnight on Sunday, October 11, 2015;

B. Waiver of the prohibition of alcohol in the public way for the fenced event-area only and during specified event hours for the aforementioned events and dates only, with all alcohol consumption in the public way ceasing at Midnight;

C. Closure of Benton Street between Judd Street and the railroad tracks between the hours of 6:00 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2015 and 6:00 AM on Sunday, March 15, 2015; between the hours of 6:00 AM on Saturday June 20, 2015 and 6:00 AM on Sunday, June 21, 2015; and between the hours of 6:00 AM on Saturday, October 11, 2015 and 6:00 AM on Sunday, October 12, 2015.

D. Approval of Ordinance 15-O-3 Imposing Certain Temporary Traffic Restriction and Parking Restriction on Benton Street for the Benton Street St. Patrick’s Festival, D.C. Cobb’s Music Fest; and the Benton Street Oktoberfest.

E. All approvals to be conditional upon the terms set forth in this memo.

- 6. Professional Services – Legislative Advocacy** – Adoption Resolution 15-R-2 approving an agreement with Joyce Nardulli, LLC for Intergovernmental and Legislative Advocacy Professional Services. Ms. Nardulli’s combined fee for professional services would continue at the current rate of \$5,000 per month and would be retroactive to January 1st.

- 7. Intergovernmental Agreement – Dial –A-Ride-** Approval Ordinance 15-O-4 authorizing the Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McHenry, the City of Crystal Lake, the City of Harvard, the City of Marengo, the City of McHenry, the City of Woodstock, the Village of Huntley, the Village of Johnsburg, the

Village of Ringwood and the Village of Lakewood for Public Dial-A- Ride transit Service in 2015.

- 8. Professional Services – Municipal Landfill** – Approval of an agreement with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates for professional services for the Woodstock Municipal Landfill site from January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2016 for a total two year cost of \$37,000.
- 9. Award of Contract – Website Developer and Hosting Services-** Approval of an award of contract for a website developer and hosting services to the low bidder, aHa Consulting at a cost not to exceed \$23,800 including first-year maintenance fees.
- 10. Purchase- Emergency Repair – Influent Grinder** – Affirmation of the purchase of an influent grinder from JWC Environmental, Buford, GA in the amount of \$15,949 for the purchase and delivery of a new influent grinder for installation at the Northside Wastewater Treatment Plant bearing the manufacturer's model number of CDD4020-XDS2.0.
- 11. Change Order- Old Courthouse Stairs** – Adoption Resolution 15-R-3 authorizing Change Order 003 for the Old Courthouse stairs resulting in a completion date of April 30, 2015 and an increase to the contract of \$15, 515.00 be approved.
- 12. Change Order - Old Courthouse Roof** – Adoption Resolution 15-R-4 authorizing Change Order 015 for the Old Courthouse Roof resulting in an increase to the contract of \$4,642.00 .
- 13. Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan** – Transmittal of the five-year CIP for FY2015/2016 through FY2019/2020.

Mayor Sager said the consent calendar now contains all items B –E14, having removed Items E6, and E9. Mayor Sager asked for a motion of concurrence on all remaining items.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: J. Starzynski, M. Saladin, M. Larson, J. Dillon, RB Thompson, and Mayor Sager. Nays: None. Absentees: M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

M. Larson had some questions concerning Item E 1, the 2015 IHSA B/G Cross Sectional Meet. If the park is closed but people will be let in one entrance and pay \$5.00, will the expected number of cars fit into the parking that is open to them. The response was that they could use all parking spaces within the park but will not be able to come in all entrances and they cannot park on the grass area. M. Larson also wondered if the Thunder had an alternate location. Mayor Sager asked David Zinner to respond.

David Zinner, City of Woodstock Recreation Department Director, said that discussion with the athletic directors from Woodstock High School and Woodstock North High School about accommodating the Thunder football program on Saturday October 31, 2015, had already taken place, though, as yet, we don't have their schedule. He said last year this date was a playoff so

we don't know how many teams from the Thunder program will make the playoffs, until that occurs it's all a gray area. The Thunder program has been very willing to work with us. Mayor Sager responded saying that it could be covered in one of two ways: one way is that it could be covered at Emricson on the period of time that would be off what the requested schedule is for this event and if that's what their schedule is already then there is no need to shift it, but if it does conflict with the schedule then the high schools are willing to allow them to utilize the facilities at the high schools to accommodate their needs on that one game day. M. Saladin said there needs to be plenty of communication to public about parking that day.

D. Zinner replied saying we have the sign from public works that we put out right at the entrance to the park a couple of days before the event, we put it in the newsletter so hopefully the media picks it up, and we send it out to the user groups so they understand that the park will be closed that day. As soon as possible, once the park is picked up, we reopen. The last race starts at 11:00 AM, everyone should be done at 11:30AM, and awards will take place from 11:50 to 12:00 noon. I really don't see it going till 1:00 PM; of course, some of this depends on the weather.

M. Saladin had a question on Item E4, McHenry County Broadband Fiber Network, for R. Stelford. As far as the consortium is concerned, when will we find out about the rights and duties of the consortium as we expand this broad band network? R. Stelford replied that the first meeting is scheduled for the first week of February, we will speak about the dynamics and how we are going to set it up. The staff is already working with the County to try to go through the path and make sure we have all the proper right of way. With all of the detail work done I'm hoping in the next few months we will have a plan for the private sector side of the network. I think the initial first meetings will be more operational and once that is on solid footing, we will ask what to do with the excess cable, who we partner with and what are the next steps will be.

RB Thompson had a question for Dan Hart on Item E5, the Benton St. Event Request, saying that the map showed the event expanding to the North including Off the Rails but the narrative we were given, dated January 13, says that you were not able to contact the owner. I wonder if you've had a chance to talk to with him. Dan Hart, 225 N Douglas St., Woodstock, replied that he didn't have a chance to speak with Jim to ask him if they would like to be included. He said he would like them to be, but if not we'll stop the fence at that point. RB Thompson replied that if you do expand you get really close to the tracks. Dan said that when the last Shamrock Fest was held we included Off the Rails and we didn't seem to have any issues, we wouldn't go all the way to the end of Off the Rails, that would be dangerous. We would use the map that we used for our last March festival, if they are not included we will make sure all their doors for their delivery drivers are open even though they can't come that way. M. Saladin asked if there were any complaints about noise, Dan said since they moved to the Benton St side it took care of all of the problems.

**Item E 6 Professional Services – Legislative Advocacy – Adoption Resolution 15-R-2 approving an agreement with Joyce Nardulli, LLC for Intergovernmental and Legislative Advocacy Professional Services.**



M. Saladin asked for Item E 6 to be removed saying that he can see the benefits but would like more input from the Mayor and from staff. He said he thought it's important to have an open discussion relative to the lobbying efforts.

Mayor Sager said that he is pleased that it was removed for discussion. He explained that for many years he did not think that we should engage in this effort, that we should take every other step that we could to move the interests of the community forward with our State and Federal legislatures. When economic circumstances were different than they have been over the last few years that line of thinking was more appropriate. With the given difficulties in finding dollars for important priorities for communities or for counties we need to be able to work to make sure that our needs and our justifications are strongly forwarded to decision makers at the state and federal levels. We have been very successful with our current lobbyist and the efforts that have been made. I think all of us are aware that improvements to Rt. 14 between Crystal Lake and Woodstock were approved after they languished for a number of years and were always pulled. It was very soon after we engaged the services of this lobbyist that the right arguments were made and that we have the support that we needed. Even though at this time our current Governor has put a halt on projects we trust that he and his staff will realize the importance of this effort and this lobbyist will forward that argument just as solidly as it was in the past and that we will regain that support.

As we look to the Rt 47 improvements I think we're all familiar that we received phase 2 dollars in the budget and that is huge. I was very concerned that we would get through phase 1 and all of a sudden we would stalemate for another 5 years or so at the phase 2 level. I'm not reporting that the phase 2 efforts are fully funded because they are not but it is a huge step forward and the next step forward is to make sure that we get full funding on that and we move that effort forward. Equally we utilize our lobbyist to look at special needs such as preservation, in terms of the Old Courthouse, and also to be involved with the Enterprise Zone. I am extremely pleased with the communication, exceptional commitment, which we did not have in the past, and that we are equally able to get results.

This opinion was also voiced by R. Stelford and M. Larson, who feel the efforts made by the lobbyist were evident during the trip to Springfield, meetings were arranged on a very tight schedule, and she has the connections to open those channels at the state level to get these needs approved. Mayor Sager agreed, replying that Council's infrequent visits are not going to get the job done we need someone there, working with decision makers and their staff on a routine basis letting them know that it is a priority. This is not an expense it is an investment in our community's future. I am willing to make this investment.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion on the floor.

Motion by M. Saladin, second by J. Starzynski, to approve Document 5, the Adoption of Resolution 15-R-2 approving an agreement with Joyce Nardulli, LLC for Intergovernmental and Legislative Advocacy Professional Services.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: RB Thompson, J. Dillon, J. Starzynski, M. Saladin, M. Larson, and Mayor Sager. Nays: None. Absentees: M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

**Item E9 Award of Contract – Website Developer and Hosting Services- Approval of an award of contract for a website developer and hosting services to the low bidder, aHa Consulting.**

Mayor Sager introduced this item by saying that Councilman Turner, though absent tonight, was interested in Council discussing this item since there was a local bidder on this as well. The actual bid has about a \$4,000 differential between the initial project work and about a \$1,100 differential in terms of the annual contract. The initial work bid from aHa Consulting is about \$4,000 less than with our local vender but the annual contract by aHa Consulting is \$1,100 more on an annual basis than with the local contractor. Councilman Turner did want us to think about this but staff has done a thorough review and the reasons were outlined in the report.

M. Larson said she appreciated staff's leg work and knowledge and has no doubt about the functionality side of this project. Her questions are concerned with making sure that we have a cohesive brand and a visual cohesiveness; who will make the determinations about how it gets done and what is their expertise. She said she wanted to make sure that the City is not stuck with a template that is being used for other cities and clients. She said she assumed they will be setting up style sheets and wondered if the design side of this project could be addressed tonight. She also said she wanted to make sure that the City would have complete control of the customization and the ability to control the appearance making sure we are putting together a cohesive look. Mayor Sager joined in the conversation saying that we have all enjoyed the website that we've had but we also want to be able to feel comfortable in today's market place to move to the next level if not beyond that.

Information Technology Manager Dan McElmeel responded by saying that aHa Consulting was guarantying a custom look, the decision on what the design of the actual site visual to the public will be proposed to us at a design meeting when they come on site to meet with staff. They will discuss the main city website, the recreation site, and work on developing a website. We will have come up with ideas based off of that meeting, they will design a flat image of what they vision the site will look like, and make recommendations along those lines. It will look the same on any device, scaling automatically to fit.

M. Larson said if there are design meetings along the way she'd like the Woodstock Celebrates Board to have some input. Her feeling is that we would want these things to all work together, to be connected, and flow through to print materials, economic development materials, and all marketing since it is a bigger decision than just the website. She doesn't want to look at it as a standalone project. Mayor Sager said that though we want to incorporate some input from the Woodstock Celebrates Board relative to this item we have to understand that this is a municipal site and to keep these things distinct. Woodstock Celebrates would not have control but input into the process. M. Saladin said that normal citizens should be a part of the design since they are the ones that will go to the site and use it.

J. Dillon questioned if there would be a yearly maintenance fee asking Dan if he was going to be trained in this, or will we be tied to someone coming in and doing work for us. His comment was that he will be the primary administrative contact if things need to get corrected. We do have phone support as well. His response concerning the time line comes down to how fast we can

come up with a consent to work to update verbiage, the initial thought was that it would be three to four months from the initial design meetings, with the first design meeting being held in the next couple of weeks. We would then contact the vender to move forward. The design will start even before the back end stuff begins.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion on the floor.

Motion by M. Saladin, second by J. Dillon, to approve Award of Contract – Website Developer and Hosting Services- Approval of an award of contract for a website developer and hosting services to the low bidder, aHa Consulting.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: J. Starzynski, M. Saladin, M. Larson, J. Dillon, RB Thompson, and Mayor Sager. Nays: None. Absentees: M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Budget Workshop**

The last date that we can approve the budget is at the April 21 City Council meeting as the new budget takes place May 1, 2015. We need to have an opportunity for public input at a public hearing. The public hearing is planned for the April 7, 2015 meeting. In the past we have had the public hearing, the workshop, and then the meeting to consider.

The challenge is if we do change line items of the budget then staff has to make that adjustment to the budget document. We need to have adequate time to deal with that as staff won't have time to make that specifically in hard copy for consideration that night. The approval would be contingent upon those items that we directed to be changed in the previous workshop. I would like everyone to be aware of that procedural aspect.

M. Saladin said he would rather have time for staff to make the changes and make sure the public is aware of the changes. Mayor Sager agreed since the format is also changing. The agreed upon date for the budget workshop is April 13, 2015 at 3:30 PM in the City Council room.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Sager asked for input on future agenda items. J. Starzynski said that he will not be here on February 17, 2015. There were no additional items.

RB Thompson told all council members that he appreciated everyone's work and preparedness.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion M. Larson, and second by RB Thompson, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Woodstock City Council to the February 3, 2015 City Council meeting. Ayes: J. Dillon, M. Larson, M. Saladin, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, and Mayor Sager. Nays: None. Absentees: M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arleen Quinn- City Clerk